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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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SUBJECT: CUBAN GOOD WILL DELEGATION TO YAOUNDE

REF: YAOUNDE 0342

1. RADIO CAMEROON ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL YAOUNDE 18 APRIL OF FOUR-MAN CUBAN "GOOD WILL DELEGATION" HEADED BY AMBASSADOR TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA LUIS GONZALEZ MARTURELOS. NO FURTHER DETAILS ANNOUNCED BEYOND FACT AFTERNOON "WORKING SESSION" HELD AT GURC FOREIGN MINISTRY ON FUTURE INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

2. EMBASSY HAS ACQUIRED OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING AT LEAST TWO OR THREE CUBANS ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR MARTURELOS ARE TOP MEMBERS HIS STAFF MALABO. DELEGATION ALSO SAID TO INCLUDE AN AFRICAN TRANSLATOR OF UNSPECIFIED NATIONALITY, POSSIBLY EQUATORIAL GUINENA.

3. COMMENT: THIS MARKS FIRST KNOWN VISIT CAMEROON BY CUBANS, WHOSE OFFICIAL PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES NEIGHBORING EQUATORIAL GUINEA HAVE BEEN GROWING DRAMATICALLY RECENT MONTHS. AS OF JANUARY, CUBAN EMBASSY MALABO WAS REPORTED SEEKING VIA INTERMEDIARIES TO OBTAIN GURC APPROVAL FOR OCCASIONAL TRAVEL
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ITS PERSONNEL TO DOUALA, APPARENTLY FOR PROVISIONING AS WELL

AS PERIODIC RELIEF FROM AUSTERE CONDITIONS EQUATORIAL GUINEA.
PRESENT OFFICIAL VISIT WARRANTS SPECULATION THAT PURPOSES
GO BEYOND THAT ISSUE, HOWEVER, AND IN OUR JUDGMENT POSSIBILITY
EARLY ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA CANNOT
BE EXCLUDED. IN ANY EVENT, VISIT WOULD APPEAR REFLECT SUCCESS
OF PAST GURC MOVES TOWARD DIALOGUE WITH CUBA AS REPORTED
REFERENCE, AIMED AT NEUTRALIZING LATTER'S LONG-STANDING
SUPPORT FOR REMAINING UPC DISSIDENTS ABROAD. DIPLOMATIC
RECOGNITION CUBA WOULD ALSO OFFER FURTHER PROOF GURC NON-
ALIGNED COMMITMENT WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED AHIDJO RECENT MOVES
ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE.
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